

Our ushers this morning are Dwight and Ann Decker
Our soloist this morning is Pat Hanson
Our coffee fellowship hosts are David and Diane Bjorkman

**"There is so much loss,
so much that one day was
there and is now ashes."** EST

Rev. Dr. David Popham, Hawaii Conference Minister



Hawaii Wildfire relief efforts: The United Church of Christ is issuing a special appeal to provide essential items and long-term support to those impacted by wildfires across Hawaii. UCC Disaster donations specifically to aid in Hawaii, can be made by accessing the QR code above. Thank you for thinking of others in need today and always.

Worship Notes.

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United Church of Christ
5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

August 20, 2023

10:00 am

WE GATHER

Silent Gathering Words

"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord" (Ps.31:24)

Prelude

Greeting, Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 8)

Minister: The Lord grants us life and salvation.

People: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Minister: The Lord created the moon, the stars, and all things.

People: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Minister: We are made in the image of our Lord God.

People: We praise and thank you, O Lord.

Minister: Fill us with your Holy Spirit.

People: Renew us in body and spirit this day, by the power of your word.

Opening Hymn

**Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped*

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*Unison Opening Prayer

God of abundance, you are manifest in this world in countless, magnificent, creative ways. All nature sings your praise. You are our God and we bow head and heart before you. Receive the worship we offer this day, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

* The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

*stand as you are able

Offering

Call to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

Because He Lives

Pat Hanson

Tune: Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Living God, whom we adore**

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

God, you work in us and in the word as creator, sustainer, and Savior. Called to be creators with you in your mission, we make this offering. May your word of life be heard, and your nearness and caring experienced. Amen.

Hymn

All My Hope on God is Founded

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 9-Selections

Bob McKendrick

Response

Bob: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Victory in Interruptions"

Rev. Dr. Priscilla Lawrence

Closing Hymn

*Congregation's Choice

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude